GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ISRO AND NASA
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the salient features of the agreement signed between ISRO and NASA for exploration of outer Space for peaceful purpose;

(b) the areas identified for this purpose; and

(c) the manner in which the agreement is likely to help Chandrayan-I programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) A Framework Agreement was signed on February 1, 2008 between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for co-operation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes. The Agreement has an initial validity of ten years, and allows various cooperative activities to be taken up between the two sides under specific Implementing Arrangements.

(b) The areas identified for co-operation include Earth science, observation and monitoring; space science; exploration systems; space operations; and other relevant areas of mutual interest.

(c) The co-operation between ISRO and NASA on Chandrayaan-1 is covered separately under two Memoranda of Understanding signed in May 2006.